27. Bharatiya Mahila Federation Bombay, Committee, Bombay.

28. The National Council of Churches in India Nagpur.

29. Christian Truth Book Room, New Bombay.

30. Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Shimduding.

31. Poona English Adventists High School, Poona.

32. Centre of Science for villages, Wardha, (M.S.)

33. The Yoga Institute, Bombay.

34. CNI—CCC—Wardens Training Centre, Nagpur.

35. Sanctuary of Peace and Harmony, Bombay.

Jute modernisation fund

9. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jute Modernisation Fund of Rs. 250 crores sanctioned for West Bengal is a Central project; and

(b) if so, who will monitor this project, State or the Central Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Government of India have set up a Jute Modernisation Fund of Rs. 150 crores under the auspices of Industrial Finance Corporation of India.

(b) A Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Textiles has been set up to review the implementation of the programme. The Committee includes a representative of the State Governmen of West Bengal.

Exports to the United States

10. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to imposition of restricted entry of goods by the United States Government, country's exports to that country have suffered a lot.

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to overcome this situation, and

(c) what is the result of these steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Non-oil exports from India to USA during the last few years have been as under:—

	(*Value in Rs. crores*)
1981-82	920.20
1982-83	950.25
1983-84	1395.55
1984-85	1765.83
1985-86	1994.18 (Provisional)

The general trend of exports from India to USA has been upward. However, India's exports of textiles and clothing have faced the constraint of quotas and exports of certain iron and steel products have been affected by anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

Recently India has successfully concluded a five year Bilateral Agreement on textiles and clothing commencing from 1st January, 1987. This agreement provides larger access for India's exports of these items. The anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations have been contested in U.S. Courts. The matter has also been taken up bilaterally at Inter-Governmental level and in the multilateral forum of GATT in an effort to minimise the effect of these proceedings on India's exports

Economic assistance to Nepal

11. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of economic assistance being provided by India to Nepal; and

(b) whether it constitutes about 70 to 80 per cent of the total economic aid received by that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) India provides a wide range of economic assistance to Nepal, including Indian implementation (under grant assistance) of a number of developmental projects, a stand-by credit of Rupees Twenty-five crores, and training of Nepalese experts in various fields on Indian scholarships. Our significant assistance over the past 35 years covers such diverse areas as telecommunicaions, health, education horticulture, transport, irrigation and power.

(b) According to available information Indian economic assistance to Nepal constitutes a significant proportion of the total economic aid received by that country.

Development of a tourist spot near Mussoorie

12. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have announced a 10 crore rupees scheme to develop the Everest Estate near Mussoorie as a tourist spot for which the U.P. Government had already announced a 17 lakh rupees scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and who owns the estate at present?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The Central Government have no such proposal to develop the Everest Estate near Mussoorie as tourist spot.

(b) Does not arise.

Pakistan intruders in Kutch

13. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Hindi Daily Navbharat Times of 27th December, 1986 to the effect that there are about 20,000 Pakistani intruders settled in Kutch and are engaged not only in spying activities but are also smuggling fire-arms for Indian terrorists and riot-provocateurs, in addition to gold and narcotics;

(b) if so, whether an enquiry has been made; if so, the findings thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether there have been similar reports from the border areas of Rajasthan also; if so, what are the names of such sub-divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) and (c) Government is alive to problems of smuggling/infiltration/espionage activities in Kutch district of Gujarat. No case of organised smuggling of fire-arms from across the border or of such large scale settlement of intruders has come to notice. The Border Security Force has been deployed in and strengthened along the border to check illegal infiltration into Kutch district and constant action in this regard is taken. A coordinated effort is being made by all the concerned agencies to take effective, preventive and penal action against the offenders. No case of large-scale smuggling including fire-arms or large-scale settlement of intruders has come to notice in Rajasthan.